

McCORMICK IS AGAIN PUSHED INTO THE BACKGROUND

Majority rule on the County Board again asserted itself yesterday afternoon when President McCormick's high-handed methods were completely overridden at every point.

The committee began by adding to McCormick's appointment of a committee to investigate the County Hospital.

The majority of the County Board seemed determined to make a rigid inquiry into the manner in which the County Hospital has been run under the regime of Warden W. O. Chapman, one of McCormick's lieutenants.

The following names were added to the citizens' committee:

Mrs. Joanna E. Downes, president of the Illinois Women's Democratic League.

Mrs. John Heyward of the Political Equality League.

Mrs. John Emerson Roberts of the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Guild.

W. H. Cahill, editor of the Chicago Citizen.

N. D. Cochran, editor of The Day Book.

The Rev. Casimer Gronkowski, pastor St. Adalbert's Catholic church.

The full committee meets this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the County Building.

State's Representative Thomas Curran, chairman of the Illinois legislative committee which was appointed to investigate the practices of charitable organizations, appeared before the County Board and asked to be furnished with the names of all the dependents on County Agent Joseph Meyer's list.

"In investigating charitable organizations I have discovered that a great many of the societies find a poverty-stricken family, fill them up with a lot of advice and then send them to the county agent for relief. The county then pays the bill and the charitable society gets the credit

without giving up anything but advice to the dependent."

Commissioner Fitzgerald then introduced a resolution demanding that Meyer furnish the names. Up to date Meyer has positively refused to make public such a list.

The majority also abolished the position of county attorney now filled by Carl Chindblom on the grounds that it was useless to pay a state's attorney and a county attorney both to fill a position that the state's attorney's office was well able to take care of.

McCormick, however, fought this like grim death and even after it was voted through announced that it would be carried to court.

A humorous incident occurred at the close of the meeting. A stylishly-gowned woman swept to Peter Bartzan and Frank Ragen.

She drew herself up in queenly fashion and began to criticize the two commissioners, very harshly.

Ragen could stand it no longer.

"You know you good society ladies don't like us because we try to help the poor instead of the rich," he said.

"Why, how can you say that," she answered, and drew herself up still more. "I help the poor. Why—ah—I keep a hired girl."

VILLAGE WIPED OUT

Tokio, Jan. 13.—The village of Sakurashima was completely wiped out and numerous surrounding villages were destroyed as a result of eruption of Sakurashima volcano in Kagoshima Bay. The navy department has rushed two squadrons to the stricken district.

WORK FOR UNEMPLOYED IN K. C.

Kansas City, Jan. 13.—Unemployed men will be put to work in a municipal rock quarry and given forty-five cents in trade for each cubic foot of rock broken. The city expects to reimburse itself by selling the crushed product to contractors.